

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/593,577

Examiner

Robert W Wilson

Applicant(s)

VOLLMER ET AL.

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/16/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-3,5-14, 16-17 (Renumbered 1-13), & 4 (Renumbered 14), & 18 (Renumbered 15).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 6/11/00.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


KENNETH VANDERPUYE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1.0 The application of Vasco Vollmer et al. for "METHOD OF CONTROLLING DATA FLOW FROM TERMINALS OF A CENTRALLY CONTROLLED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM" filed 6/14/2000 with a foreign priority date based upon GERMANY 199 27 544.0 dated 6/16/1999 was examined. Claims 2-12, 14, 16-18 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2.0 The present invention is directed to a central terminal which controls flow of terminal in a centrally controlled communication system in which reception of flow is controlled according to an automatic repeat request protocol.

The closest prior art Ma (U.S. Patent No.: 5,953,338) discloses an ATM SWITCH or central terminal which controls the flow of data from CLIENTS or terminals but does not disclose useage of ARQ protocol in an ATM environment.

The closest prior art Ma (U.S. Patent No.: 5,953,338) does not disclose either singularly or in combination anticipate or render the following claim limitation obvious:

"b") the decision regarding the reduced transmission resource capacity is transmitted from the terminal making the decision to the central station (ZE) so that the central station (ZE) allocates any remaining unused transmission resource capacity, as needed to other terminals of the communication system" as claimed in **Claims 2, 4, & 18**

In Addition:

Claims 2-3, 5-12, 14, & 16-17 are allowed because they depend upon **Claim 2**.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3.0 The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:


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The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert W Wilson whose telephone number is 571/272-3075. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth Vanderpuye can be reached on 571/272-3078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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